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complicated and I...and complex. I appreciate that, and I know that many of you want to cut...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...and I will proceed the rest of the afternoon. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Kruse, followed by Senator Beutler.

SENATOR KRUSE: Thank you, Mr. President and colleagues. First and very foremost, I welcome this amendment as a chance for us to talk. Appropriations Committee agonizes over this night after night, week after week, and it really is difficult to share it on the floor, but this gives us a way to do it and it...and as Senator Redfield indicated, it really needs to be done. I strongly agree. I strongly oppose the amendment for a variety of reasons. One, across-the-board cuts really don't make sense. I'll come back to that another time. Two, two of these agencies that they're proposing cuts for are revenue-producing agencies, so if we cut them we will get less revenue, about as much as \$3 million less revenue as I would quickly calculate it. And also I would recognize that five of the agencies or five of the cuts transfer to property tax. We've already done some of that and I am joined with many on this floor in strongly objecting to that. But for this time, I would want to offer you a deal. I have a deal--\$5 million, no taxes, no fees, no...you know, this is something we discussed within our committee. In order to do it, you have to raise these figures going to the Revenue Committee or the Revenue Department, and they have already had to hold down the number of auditors. We've checked to see what an auditor produces. An auditor produces \$600,000 a year. So when you cut that department, you're doing some serious damage and, as I say, we've already done that damage. We said how about increasing ten auditors? There's a law of diminishing returns. Would that get to the law of diminishing returns and that \$600,000 taper off? And we were told, no, we could increase...we have enough problems, we have enough accounts that we are not dealing with that we could use ten more. So ten more would cost \$600,000 and